

**MINUTES**  
**WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, OUTSIDE IN OVAL**

The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on Monday, June 8, 2015. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

1. Sandy, Maryellen and Scott gave an update on the Complete Streets Policy and the Bicycle Facilities Plan. The plan has been overhauled by Councilwoman Clare Kindall and is being presented to committee. When the matter is to appear on the Town Council Agenda, we will provide notice to the Committee.
2. Ken reported on the Master Bike Plan. As a result of the design and implementation of the Bicycle Facilities Plan, the committee needs to regroup and perhaps refocus.
3. Kevin gave a report on the Bike Routes and Bike Lanes Subcommittee. This committee will begin focusing on the Bicycle Facilities Plan.
4. Steve and Maryellen spoke briefly about the North Main Street Road Diet Plan. Although the contract has been awarded to the consulting firm, it has not yet been signed. We are hopeful that it will be signed before our July meeting.
5. Laurie, Jim and Fran report on the Discover West Hartford Ride. It was a tremendous success with over 200 participants. There will be a Discover New Britain Ride later this year and many of the people on the Discover West Hartford Ride will be assisting. More information will be forthcoming.
6. Lene reported on the Bicycling Without Age Program. The West Hartford Program has received a grant to receive its first rickshaw bicycle. Lene reported that she has started a fundraising campaign and is hoping to raise enough money to purchase a second rickshaw and insurance to cover the program.
7. Scott reported on National Bike to Work Day. Over 40 people participated from West Hartford and biked down to the Old State House. It was a tremendous success.
8. Ed and Ethan reported on the Celebrate West Hartford Booth and the Bike Corral. At one point during Celebrate West Hartford, we had over 100 bicycles in the bike parking area. In addition, Ed conducted a push pin survey at the West Hartford booth which gave people the opportunity to look at a map and insert a pin in the areas in which they would like to feel safe riding. The results were extremely telling. The overwhelmingly favorite places to which people would like to be able to ride safely are West Hartford Center, Bishop's Corner, the Reservoir and Elizabeth Park. We are planning to present this survey to the Engineering Department at our next meeting.
9. Sandy provided an update on the new Connecticut law passed by the General Assembly. It was extremely favorable for bicyclists and was supported by our own Senator Beth Bye together with some other key Senators around the state.
10. Ed and Ethan gave an update on the Center Streets program, which is a proposed program for the end of August, whereby parts of Farmington Avenue, Main Street, LaSalle Road and Ellsworth Road will be closed down to vehicular traffic. More information will be forthcoming.
11. Scott reported that there will be a traffic skills 101 class held in Bishop's Corner hosted by The West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee on July 19. More information is forthcoming.

12. Scott reported that he need volunteers for the I Can Bike Program. This is a program to help special needs children ride without training wheels. The program takes place from July 27 through July 31. If you are interested in volunteering (we could really use your help). Please log onto <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/gov/departments/leisure/snrec/icanbike/default.asp>.

13. Scott reported on the bike parking facilities installed in West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square. Attached to these minutes is a map of all of the bike parking facilities in the Center and in Blue Back Square. I hope that you will review them and use them when you bike into the center in the future. Many thanks to Mark McGovern, Todd Dumais and Duane Martin for all of their assistance in putting together this plan and installing the bicycle facilities.

14. Greg Sommer from the Town Engineering Department reported that there will be bike lanes installed on King Phillip Drive between Albany Avenue and Mohawk and on Asylum Avenue between Trout Brook Drive and North Main Street. It is expected that those bike lanes will be installed by the fall.

15. Finally, Dan agreed to undertake a Bike to town Thursday event this summer, similar to the one that Kevin did last summer. More details will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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